

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Invocation – Reverend Nathan C. Brown, Sandy Springs Christian Church

II. Staff Discussion Items

Mayor Rusty Paul advised there would be a change of the order of the meeting. Abernathy Arts Center will be discussed first followed by a public comment period.

B. 2021-262 Abernathy Arts Center

Deputy City Manager David Wells presented several options for the property of the Abernathy Arts Center property at 254 Johnson Ferry Road, including the possibility of renovation or demolishing the three older buildings. The site includes the Annex Building, tennis courts, playground, picnic area, parking, and three additional buildings. Site repairs are needed, including detention pond repairs at a cost of \$150,000 and sidewalk and retaining wall repairs at a cost of \$110,000.

Mayor Rusty Paul mentioned that Fulton County transferred several of their art center operations in South Fulton to the municipalities of that area, making this the last one to be transferred.

Public Comment about the Abernathy Arts Center was received from:

1. Kyle Kurtz, 248 Belle Lane, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
2. Eugene Hirsh, 5130 Jett Forest Trail, Sandy Springs, GA 30327
3. Ronda Smith, 76 Long Island Place NW, Sandy Springs, GA
4. Rabbi Josh Heller, Congregation B'nai Torah, 700 Mt Vernon Highway NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
5. Sally Levine, Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, 6110 Blue Stone Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
6. Valerie Jimenez, 6180 Blackwater Trail, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
7. Gary Alexander, 8235 Grogans Ferry Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30350
8. Joyce Vroon, 545 Mt. Vernon Highway NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30327
9. Chuck Berk, 5681 Long Island Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30327
10. Evelyn Breit, 6715 Pine Mille Lane, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
11. Jane Kelly, 4590 Windsor Park Place, Sandy Springs, GA 30342
12. Maurice Hoelting – 88 Long Island Place, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
13. Bonnie Berk, 5681 Long Island Drive NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30327
14. Tricia Thompson, 145 Riverside Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
15. Kristi McCarthy, 75 River Park Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
16. Thomas Williams, 6495 Scott Valley Road NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
17. Mike McConnell, 115 Grogans Lake Drive, Sandy Springs 30350

Mayor Paul stated there is a lot of passion in the community, which is an important part of who we are as a community. A plan can be created that involves the visual arts into the larger scale that we have today and the museum.

Mayor Paul recognized Fulton County Commissioner Lee Morris. Commissioner Morris was instrumental in helping transfer the property to the City.

A. 2021-261 PCID Quarterly Presentation

Pat Chesser, PCID Board Member presented current projects in the City, their progress, and the contributions from Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID). The Fulton PCID Board approved \$50,000 for the education campaign on the Fulton County TSPLOST 2 Referendum. TSPLOST 2 projects in the PCID include:

- Tier 1, A - Glenridge Drive Trail, with an estimated project of \$2.8 million, and a potential PCID contribution of \$1.4 million.
- Tier 1, B - Peachtree Dunwoody at Johnson Ferry Intersection, with an estimated project total of \$3.3 Million, and a potential PCID contribution of \$1.65 million.
- Tier 2, A - Johnson Ferry Trail, with an estimated project total of \$4 Million, and a potential PCID Contribution of \$2.0 million.

Projects in progress within the PCID include the Mt Vernon Trail, MARTA Medical Center Lake Hearn and Peachtree Dunwoody Improvements, and the Peachtree Dunwoody Trail.

III. Public Works

A. 2021-263 Capital Sidewalk Program FY22 Update

William H. Martin Jr., Public Works Director presented the current status of 56 projects (estimated value of \$31 million) and the list of potential TSPLOST 2 sidewalk projects (estimated value of over \$12 million), which are identified in the FY 2022 Capital Sidewalk Program. Projects must be on the City's Sidewalk Network Master Plan in order for it to be eligible for this program funding.

Wesley Walters, CIP Unit Manager discussed the scoring categories/criteria process, and reviewed the forms available to impacted property owners who would like to increase their neighborhood sidewalk project's score by donating right-of-way for the project. Residents are invited to call the Call Center with any questions or guidance. Signed forms from homeowners are due to the City by December 3, 2021. The full project list is available on the City's website.

Council Member Andy Bauman asked is the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, with the City providing 75% and the neighborhood providing 25% of the sidewalk installation costs, still an active program.

CIP Unit Manager Walters confirmed the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program is still an active City program, though there is currently no funding. That program is available is when a citizen initiates the process.

Council Member Bauman clarified that the sidewalk projects identified in the FY 2022 Capital Sidewalk Program are at no costs to the residents.

Council Member John Paulson stated there is also small project program, where the City will contribute under a certain cost if a neighborhood would commit an amount.

CIP Unit Manager Walters clarified that this is a separate program that includes pedestrian projects under \$50,000.

Council Member Paulson asked when the open houses are for TSPLOST 2.

Public Works Director Martin confirmed that there will be virtual open houses as well as information sessions at the Farmers Market. Open houses begin on Wednesday, October 13.

IV. City Council Discussion Items

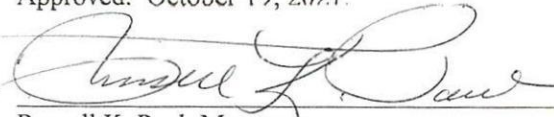
Council Member Bauman discussed criminal events in the city over the past week and thanked the Police Department. Many residents have questioned how their neighborhood can get involved in several programs, including the camera and license plate reader programs. A neighborhood toolkit can be created where residents can learn of City resources available to them. There is also the street light program, which Council Member Reichel has expressed interest.

Kristen Byars Smith, Assistant City Manager stated that a cross departmental team is working developing such a resource for residents. Once it's finalized, the services will be shared.

David Wells, Deputy City Manager informed the Council that a complete review of the streets coming into the city were identified as part of the wayfinding signage initiative. Five major streets were identified for large monument signs. Other city entrances will get the two pole or one pole signs with the Sandy Springs logo on it. Staff is currently working on the needed right-of-way. Many signs are already up, but need to be updated.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved: October 19, 2021.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. Gonzalez, City Clerk